

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments, favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Initially, Examiner Bui and Examiner Martin are thanked for the courteous and productive personal interview with the undersigned on May 8, 2002.

Appreciation is also expressed to the Examiner for the indication that Claims 53-64 are allowed, and that Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 13-15, and 48-51 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format to include all the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claims 4, 7, 13, and 14 have been rewritten in independent form to include the features of Claim 1, and Claims 48 and 50 have been rewritten in independent form to include the features of Claim 26.

In addition, the dependencies of Claims 3, 6, 9-12, 16-17, 19-22, 24, 27-28, 30, and 52 have been corrected so they each depend from an allowable claim.

Claims 14-15 have also been amended to clarify that the flat conductive interface includes an antenna having turns of conductive material.

In addition, Claim 60 has been amended to more particularly define the claimed subject matter. Specifically, Claim 60 has been amended to recite that the interface support film, which includes the support film and the communication interface, can be folded or creased over onto itself without deterioration. Support for this feature is found at page 11 of the specification.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 3-25, 27-30, and 48-64 are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the application is therefore earnestly solicited.

As a final matter, Applicants respectfully request that a copy of the PTO-1449 submitted by the Applicant on July 10, 2000 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate that the listed documents have been considered, and that an initialed copy be returned to the undersigned.

If Examiner Bui believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, or would resolve any questions regarding the application, he is cordially invited to call the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,
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